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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 4, 2002, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention as in Claims 1-19 (Grp. I) drawn to a spring structure, without traverse, and hereby cancels Claim 20.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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